While the past accounts are being settled, the payments now mad© to the parties are for a different contract which relates to supply of 2 Nos. of spreaders of 2000 T|hr. capacity for second mine stage II.

Details of payments made to the suppliers for the spreaders contract are as follows:

To M/s. MAN (West Germany)

10 per cent advance against Bank Guarantee for equivalent amount—

DMS—5015342

Payment against shipment less proportionate advance—DMS 4697449.

To WMI Cranes Ltd. (Bombay)

Advance payment for indigenous supply and erection 'against Bank Guarantee for equivalent amount—Rs. 5,25,99,304. — Coordination charges—Rs. 32,71.835.

Checking of coal production in CIL Collieries

3151. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of collieries functioning under CIL and what are the norms adopted for coal production by these collieries State-wise;

(b) what are the norms used for the checking of coal production by each colliery;

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(c) whether it is a fact that the coal survey measurement committee which has been visiting each colliery twice a year since 1985-86 and 1986-87 till now for checking their stocks found a lot of discrepancies in the coal stock; and

(d) if so, what is the nature of irregularities noticed in (i) Book stock; (ii) surveyors measurement stock report, and (iii) coal survey measurement committee report?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) 420 collieries are functioning under CIL in different states as under:

Assam	5
Bihar	169
Madhya Pradesh	94
Maharashtra	27
Orissa	15
Uttar Pradesh	2
West Bengal	108

Norms adopted for coal production are the same in all States. Production from underground mines is recorded in terms of coal tubs and from open cast mines in terms of dumpers coming out of the shifl-wise. These records are maintained at various check points and sent to the control room independently of each other. These records are tallied and cross checked. Shiftwise records are totalled *to* arrive at figures of daily and monthly production.

;) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on Ihe Table of the Hous.

Industries hit by power cuts

3152. SHRI NARESH C. PULGIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a bid to mitigate the paucity of electricity Gov ernment have instituted an incentive scheme;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that the industries which have shown substantial reduction of power consumption were not given the sanctioned quota of power by the State Electricity Boards with the result that these industries are reluctant to go in for power conservation; and

(d) whether Government are considering to restore the supply of electricity to the industries that have suffered the power cut by the State Electricity Board in Maharashtra?